

sponsor has established that it possesses satisfactory engineering and construction supervision and inspection, it should not be required to do so again unless a change occurs. In recognition of the validity of this comment, this amendment will authorize the Area Manager to dispense with the notification requirement where the sponsor has previously demonstrated that it possesses the required organization, procedures, and personnel.

This amendment will involve a revision of § 151.45 by the addition of a new paragraph (f), and a revision of § 151.51(a) (3) to insure that the same supervision and inspection standards are also applied to construction work-force accounts. Finally, the heading of § 151.51 will be revised to include the word "sponsor" before the word "force" and so to distinguish between force account work performed by the sponsor and that performed by a contractor.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 151 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is hereby amended as follows, effective April 20, 1969:

- 1. By adding a new paragraph (f) to § 151.45 to read as follows:

§ 151.45 Performance of construction work: general requirements.

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(f) Except when the Area Manager determines that the sponsor has previously demonstrated satisfactory engineering and construction supervision and inspection, no sponsor may allow a contractor or subcontractor to begin work, nor may the sponsor begin force account work, until the sponsor has notified the Area Manager in writing that engineering and construction supervision and inspection have been arranged to insure that construction will conform to FAA approved plans and specifications, and that the sponsor has caused a review to be made of the qualifications of personnel who will be performing such supervision and inspection and is satisfied that they are qualified to do so.

- 2. By amending the section heading of § 151.51 and § 151.51(a) (3) to read as follows:

§ 151.51 Performance of construction work: sponsor force account.

(a) * * *

(3) Assurance that adequate labor, material, equipment, engineering personnel, as well as supervisory and inspection personnel as required by § 151.45(f), will be provided; and

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(Federal Airport Act, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 1101-1120, section 6(c) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 U.S.C. 1655(c), and 1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation)

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PART 151—FEDERAL AID TO AIRPORTS

Performance of Construction Work; General Requirements

The purpose of this amendment to Part 151 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to require sponsors to provide, with respect to airport construction work, evidence of satisfactory engineering and construction supervision and inspection. The amendment, therefore, would require a sponsor to advise the Area Manager in writing prior to the commencement of construction work that such supervision and inspection have been arranged, and that the qualifications of personnel performing the supervision and inspection have been reviewed and have been found satisfactory. This amendment was proposed in Notice No. 68-25 issued on October 10, 1968 (33 F.R. 15435).

Several favorable public comments were received on this proposal. One comment, however, suggested that, once a

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